



Newsletter Autumn 2010

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Autumn edition of your Parish Council's newsletter which I hope that you will find informative. It is that time of the year when the Parish Council considers its budget for next year and as we live in uncertain economic times this is going to be a challenging exercise. Over the next two months the Council will be discussing the budget at the monthly meetings and you are welcome to attend and to tell us what you think. This will be the last budget set by the present council as there are elections for the new Parish Council in May 2011.

From time to time the Council is criticised for what it does. However, if you are not happy with what the Council is (or is not) doing for the community at large why not come along to our meetings and discuss your concerns or better still why not consider putting yourself forward as a candidate for the next election.

The village relies on its many volunteers and currently there is a need more drivers for the weekly shopping minibus. More helpers towards next years summer fair and volunteers for the conservation group, speedwatch and neighbourhood watch are always needed. If you are interested please contact Susan Wellerd or Rebecca Roberts on 01342 823770.

Finally, speaking of volunteers I would like to single out Arthur Hunt for special mention who has recently given up organising the weekly rambles after more than 30 years as well as being a founder member of the Ashurst Wood Historians. Thank you so much Arthur for all your hard work over the years.

Don Sinclair

Christmas Market

Friday 3rd December 2010

3.00pm - 7.00pm

Village Centre

Our first Village Christmas Market, held in 2009, was such a great success that we are planning to hold another this year on Friday 3rd December.

Once again the Parish Council together with the school, preschool, conservation group and St Dunstan's Church will be organising a festive event to let you get your Christmas Shopping done locally.

Many of the stalls and activities from last year are to be repeated, such as local produce, crafts, refreshments, barbecue and of course Santa's grotto!

New this year will be a children's marquee with activities for younger visitors and the school and preschool will again be entertaining us with carols.

Please contact the Parish Office on 823770 as soon as possible if you wish to have a craft or produce stall as numbers are very limited and make sure the date is in your diary.

Sports & Fun Day

Around 50 children from Ashurst Wood and Forest Row aged between 5 and 13 got the opportunity to try out some new sports this summer thanks to the joint efforts of Ashurst Wood and Forest Row Parish Councils. We held two days of events both here in Ashurst Wood and Forest Row. Sessions on offer included tennis, football, netball, badminton, karate, kickboxing, athletics, judo and cricket. Each day began with a mass warm up and ended with all the children participating in a grand relay. Transport was provided between the venues for those who needed it. Many thanks should go to the numerous coaches, members of the community and organisations who helped make these days such a success.

Ashurst Wood Youth Club Stop Press

The Management Committee will meet on 18th October 2010 7.30pm at the Three Crowns. New members will be needed to ensure the future of the Club is protected. Anyone who is able to help PLEASE come along—if only to add moral support.

Parish Council updates:

Rubbish Freighter:

10th October 10.00am-12 noon Village Centre Car park— No trade or builders' waste.

Provided by the Parish Council . With thanks to the Village Centre Trustees.

Grants:

Applications for grants from Ashurst Wood Parish Council for groups working to benefit residents should be made using the application form which is available on the Parish Council website or from the office. Grants are available for the current year and applications are considered at Parish Council meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month, to be considered applications need to be received ten days before a meeting.

Extended hours:

Following the appointment of the assistant to the Clerk, the council are able to extend the office opening hours to include all Tuesdays. The office is open from 9am until noon Monday to Thursday. (except when the Parish News is printed on a Thursday once a month.)

Shopping Bus Urgent appeal: Due the retirement of two of the shopping Bus Drivers the service is running with just 4 volunteers. If you could spare 3 hours on a Friday morning—no more than once a month the Council would be very pleased to hear from you. The people who use the service are very appreciative and value the independence it gives them.

For more information please contact Susan or Rebecca. (Details opposite.)

ELECTIONS 2011

Parish Council elections will be held in May 2011

This is your opportunity to become more involved with decisions made about the village you live in.

Anyone who is eligible to stand is welcome to do so. Printed information and a DVD are available to borrow from the Parish Office.

For an informal chat about being a Parish Councillor contact the Clerk, Susan Wellerd or any of the present Councillors, details on page 3.

Public Services Committee.

Sadly the Council has to report that the hoped-for allotment site has fallen through as the landowner was unable to release the land. Other suitable sites will continue to be sought– possibly with the assistance of those who are keen to have an allotment. Indeed this could be the start of an Allotment Holders Committee.

You will have noticed signs warning of Wet Paint adorning the War Memorial Bus Shelter. Dick Tyrrell (the Council Handyman) has done a marvellous job painting the interior of this shelter.

As you may have read in the local paper, fly tipping has become a problem in the village, not only at the Church, but also in Forge Twitten. If you should see anyone dropping off illegal waste please let the Clerk know with as many details as possible. Everyone has problems with rubbish and should dispose of it responsibly.

The steps approaching the War Memorial are soon to be improved. Currently they are rather narrow which makes a respectful backward step (after laying a wreath) rather more hazardous than it need be. This should be completed well before this November.

There has been a “Briefing” meeting with Forest Row Parish Council regarding village gateways and speed reducing measures at the top of Wall Hill Road and at the Maypole Road / Homestall Road junction. The proposal to have a pathway through John Pears Field to the top of Wall Hill Road was also discussed. These are both issues your Parish Council feels strongly about but it will take time to complete.

A leaflet outlining some of the walks around the village is nearing completion and should be ready soon. Meanwhile the Council would like to thank Mr Arthur Hunt for providing the information for this leaflet and for leading walks in Ashurst Wood for many years.

John Pears Pavilion

The pavilion is available for hire and is ideal for Children’s parties etc. contact the Parish Council office or see the website for more details.

The Parish Council is continuing to work with Ashurst Wood Football Clubs, local residents, Mid Sussex District Council, the local Police and Metro Bus to improve parking and road safety in the Village.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Chairman:
Don Sinclair, **824317**

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Jenny Forbes, **822769**

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PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Services
Chairman: Alan Del Mar

Planning
Chair: Jenny Forbes

Finance & Administration
Chairman: Alan Del Mar

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Ashurst Wood Community Pre-School would like to invite everyone in the village to take part in two food-related fundraisers this Autumn. The first begins this month and is called

“BANGERS & CASH”!

Our award-winning Butcher, Allan Martin Meats, is inviting customers to make a small donation to the Pre-School, whenever they buy sausages bearing a “Bangers & Cash” sticker. With thanks to Allan and Martin, and the village shop where our special sausages are also on sale .

Ashurst Wood Community Pre-School is a charity (registered charity no 1033649) and needs to raise around £4000 every year just to cover its running costs. The Pre-School is run from a classroom in Ashurst Wood Primary, in School Lane. It is open every weekday morning for the Under-5s.

Our other foody fundraiser is a longer-term project.

Next summer we will publish the

Ashurst Wood Village Cook Book

If you live or work in the village, please let us know your favourite recipe. As an optional extra, we'd love to put a photo of you next to your recipe, so feel free to send us a snapshot, drawing, or any illustration you fancy.

Email them to katieflamman@googlemail.com or call Katie on 01342 826916 and she'll collect your recipe, and will even take a photo of you if you wish.

The Cook Book will be on sale at the Village Summer Fair in 2011 and all proceeds will go to the Pre-School. But we need your recipes now – so don't delay, make sure yours gets included.

Other forthcoming fundraising events are a *Quiz Night* on October 9th and a *Wine Tasting Evening* on November 13th, both in Ashurst Wood Village Centre. Please phone Katie or email her for tickets and/or further details of these events or for information about the Pre-School.

Ashurst Wood Primary School News

This month heralds the beginning of another busy school year at Ashurst Wood Primary School. The school community welcomes a new cohort of Reception pupils who are the first group to transfer from the Pre-School to School within the same building! This has happened very successfully with everyone settling in happily.

Our Centenary Year 2010 continues this term and we have been sharing our archive with many people who are part of the history of our school. On our Reunion Day on September 4th memories of the school were shared over cups of tea and glasses of Pimms as many people travelled quite some distance to reminisce over a display of old photos. For some of us, this was an education in itself. A wonderful day! Many thanks to all who attended and to those who helped to organise the event.

Debbie Barnes. Head Teacher